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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON DECRIMINALIZATION OF
MARIHUANA

REF: STATE 57902

1. THE PLANT CLOSEST TO MARIHUANA TO BE FOUND IN BURUNDI IS
LOCALLY GROWN HEMP, COMMONLY CALLED "CHANVRE A FUMER" WHOSE
NARCOTIC CONTENT IN RELATION TO MARIHUANA HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED.
THE LEAF OF THIS LOCAL HEMP IS SMOKED UNPROCESSED.

2. THE LEGAL PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THIS LOCAL "CHANVRE A FUMER"
ARE BRIEFLY OUTLINED BELOW:

(A) CULTIVATION, TRANSPORT AND POSSESSION OF HEMP (CHANVRE
A FUMER") ARE FORBIDDEN BY LAW AND THE SAME INTERDISTINCTION
APPLIES TO THE PERSONAL USE OF THIS PRODUCT EITHER BY SMOKING
IT OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER.

(B) PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THIS LAW RANGE FROM ONE HUNDRED
BUFRS. (1.12 DOLLARS) TO A HUNDRED THOUSAND BUFRS. (1,120
DOLLARS) AND FROM TWO WEEKS TO ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT OR OF ONE OF
THESE PENALTIES ONLY, AND INCLUDES THE DESTRUCTION OF HEMP
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PLANTATIONS AND THE CONFISCATION AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THE
SEIZED PRODUCT.

3. THE USE OF THE "CHANVRE A FUMER" IS NOT BELIEVED TO BE WIDE-
SPREAD IN BURUNDI. IT REPORTEDLY REMAINS CONFINED TO SMALL
SEGMENTS OF THE OLDER AND POORER POPULATION. IT IS GROWN HAP-
HAZARDLY IN SMALL FIELDS. SINCE THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER

ITS USE EXTENSIVE, THE PROVISIONS OF THE ABOVE LAW ARE THUS
HARDLY EVER ENFORCED. THERE HAVE BEEN NO CASES UNDER ITS
PROVISIONS, ACCORDING TO A GOVERNMENT SOURCE, FOR THE LAST EIGHT
YEARS.
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